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TUESDAY, MARCH 21, 1916.

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TELEGRAMS.

CONDENSED.

STRONG FRENCH COLUMN HAS CLEARED VILLAGES ON GREEK FRONTIER.
THE MINE THEORY REGARDING THE PALEMBANG IS SCOUTED.
SIR MARSHALL REID SUCCEEDS SIR FELIX SCHUSTER ON INDIA COUNCIL.
GERMAN VILLA IS TRAPPED ON THE BABICORA LAKE.
GERMAN ATTEMPTS AT VERDUN ARE FRAGMENTARY AND SPORADIC.
THE DEATH OF THE REV. STOPFORD BROOKE IS ANNOUNCED.
LORD CURZON, MR. ASQUITH AND SIR L. S. JAMESON MAKE GOOD PROGRESS.
A GERMAN ATTACK ON POIVRE HILL COMPLETELY FAILED.
MR. CECIL COCHRANE (LIB.) RETURNED UNOPPOSED FOR SOUTH SHIELDS.
ALLIED AERIAL FLEET DROPPED MANY BOMBS ON ZEEBRUGGE.
PLOT TO PLACE BOMBS ON EMPRESS BOATS REVEALED IN SHANGHAI.
HOLLAND SENDS SEVERE NOTE TO GERMANY CONCERNING TUBANTIA.

SPECIAL CABLE.

THE SHANGHAI SHELL CASE.

Plot to Place Bombs on Empress Boats.

(From Our Own Correspondent).

Shanghai, March 21.
The trial of Nielsen's chauffeur, in the French Consession shell case, reached a sensational stage when a German, who had been registered as a Russian, revealed a plot to place bombs on Allied steamers at Dalny and also upon the Empress boats.
He said Nielsen's house was a perfect arsenal, also that Germans had offered to obtain any passports to secure his transfer towards Siberia to bomb the railway. He informed the authorities.

THE ALLIES IN THE WEST.

Germans Feeling Their Losses.

[Reuter's Service to The "Telegraph."]

March 20, 1.45 p.m.
According to Reuter's Paris correspondent, a semi-official statement says that on the thirtieth day of the battle of Verdun the German attempts become fragmentary and sporadic; they indicate how keenly the Germans have felt their recent losses.

German Effort Again Falls.

March 20, 4.05 p.m.
A Paris communique says:—The Germans made a rather violent bombardment to the south of Malancourt and then, after an artillery preparation, made a small attack at Poivre Hill, which completely failed.
There was intermittent bombardment at Yaux and a lively cannonade at Eparges.

GERMAN ENCROACHMENT ON GREEK TERRITORY.

"Some Liveliness" Expected.

March 20, 1.45 p.m.
Reuter's correspondent at Salonica states that owing to German encroachment on Greek territory, a strong French column has occupied and cleared villages on the frontier near Doiran.
Both sides used artillery, but, although the retiring Germans were reinforced, no general engagement followed. The French sustained only a dozen casualties.
The Allies and the Germans are now face to face, and some liveliness may be expected.

BIG AERIAL ATTACK BY ALLIES.

German Seaplane Station and Aerodrome Raided.

March 20, 2.20 p.m.
The Admiralty announces that early this morning a combined force of approximately 50 British, French and Belgian aeroplanes and seaplanes, accompanied by 15 fighting machines, attacked the German seaplane station at Zeebrugge and the aerodrome at Houtede, near Zeebrugge. Considerable damage appears to have been done.
The machines on an average carried 200 lbs. of bombs, and all returned safely.
One Belgian officer was seriously wounded.

March 20, 1.45 p.m.
A message from Amsterdam states that Allied airmen dropped bombs on Zeebrugge.

March 20, 4.05 p.m.
A Paris communique says that an allied air raid took place at Zeebrugge at four o'clock in the morning, nineteen French machines participating. An aviation ground was attacked at Houtede, six miles eastward of Ostend.

TELEGRAMS.

THE SINKING OF THE PALEMBANG.

Mine Theory Scouted.

[Reuter's Service to The "Telegraph."]

March 20, 1.45 p.m.
The fact that there were three explosions at least after the liner was brought to a standstill appears to preclude the mine theory in the case of the Palembang.
The first was a slight explosion aft, whereupon the engines were reversed. A few minutes later there was a heavy explosion on the starboard side; while, two minutes after, there was a terrific explosion near the engines, blowing the ship in half. One of the boats which had just been lowered on the starboard side was blown out of the water. Nine members of the crew were injured, and a British destroyer rescued them.

A Severe Note.

March 20, 1.45 p.m.
According to Reuter's Amsterdam correspondent, the *Nieuwe Oost* has sent a most severe note to Germany regarding the Tubantia.

THE COUNCIL OF INDIA: IMPORTANT DEVELOPMENTS.

March 20, 1.45 p.m.
Mr. Chamberlain has appointed Sir Marshall Reid to be a Member of the Council of India in reconnection to Sir Felix Schuster, whose term will shortly expire.
The *Times* says the appointment remedies a long-standing complaint regarding non-representation, on the Council, of Indian financial and commercial experience, and remarks that it follows the recommendation of the Royal Commission on Indian Finance and Currency, of which Mr. Chamberlain is the Chairman, that there should always be at least one member of the Council with Indian financial experience.
The *Times* goes on to observe that the appointment will increase the satisfaction caused by the announcement of the forthcoming Commission on Indian Economic Development. It is understood that the enquiry will not cover the problem of fiscal readjustment in relation to the other parts of the Empire and foreign countries. It will, however, provide material for estimating the effects of the possible—and indeed, probable—changes to the consideration of which the Imperial Government pledges itself when vetting the proposal of the Raj to raise the cotton import duties without increasing the countervailing Excise. Presumably the Commission will be free to make suggestions on the problem for increasing and improving the inadequate facilities in India for technical and industrial instruction and so relating them to local industries in the Provinces that youths availing themselves of such provision may have a reasonable assurance of suitable careers in business life.

CANADA'S PARLIAMENT HOUSE BURNED.

Narrow Escape of Ministers and Members.

New York, Feb. 4.

American stand aghast at the latest sample of "frightfulness" at Ottawa, but, in view of the attempts made in the United States to destroy various industrial plants by bombs and also to injure official buildings at Washington, no surprise is felt. There are thousands of desperate German fanatics in the American towns on the frontier, and it would not be difficult for such men to elude the vigilance of the frontier guards and to make their way into the Dominion.
The *Providence Journal* (Rhode Island), which has been favoured above every other American newspaper on this continent in printing news relating to German-American plots since the war began, says to-day:—

The *Providence Journal* three weeks ago notified the Department of Justice that it had received information directly through employees of the German Embassy at Washington, that the Parliament House at Ottawa, Rideau Hall, the home of the Governor General at Ottawa, and large munition plants in Ontario, were to be the next objects of German attack on this continent, in the order named.
The *Journal* furthermore notified the Department of Justice at the same time that the German Embassy had given instructions that the work of destruction in American munition plants should be temporarily suspended and that the next move to be made would "give the people of Canada a few things to think about."

Two members are not yet accounted for, and it is feared that two women who were in the public galleries listening to the debate were also killed.

Evidence of a Bomb Explosion.

Ottawa, February 4.

The splendid Parliament building, with the Dominion Parliament in session, were destroyed by fire last night, and the evidence indicates that they are the latest tribute to German "frightfulness," for the outbreak started with a bomb explosion in the reading room.

It was at nine o'clock last night, when the reading-room was all but deserted and only about thirty members were in the House of Commons, that a slight explosion was heard in a quarter of the reading-room where newspaper files were kept.

In a moment flames burst out, and before any of the attendants realised what had happened the room was aflame, and the white pine shelving with which it was fitted was involved.

At the same time the force of the infernal machine was enough to cause the doors opening into the Senate and the House of Commons to left and right to open, and just as an attendant rushed to the Speaker (Mr. Seigney) to warn him, the smoke flames reached the Chamber itself.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier was reading in his private room when he heard the noise. He managed to get clear of the building without injury, he lost many important papers and books, as did all the members. The Premier (Sir Robert Borden) was not made aware of the outbreak till later, and he just managed to escape without his coat and hat. Dr. Michael Clark, of Red Deer, Alberta, was badly burned, as was Mr. Martin Barrall, Minister of Agriculture.

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TELEGRAMS.

ITALIAN GENERALISSIMO WELCOMED IN PARIS.

[Reuter's Service to The "Telegraph."]

March 20, 4.05 p.m.
General Cadorna, on arriving in Paris, was given a great ovation, which was renewed when General Cadorna and General Joffre were seen motoring through the streets.

CANADIAN MINISTER'S ARRIVAL.

March 20, 1.45 p.m.
Major General Sir Sam Hughes, Canadian Minister of Defence, has arrived in London.

MILITARY APPOINTMENT.

March 20, 1.45 p.m.
Captain A. H. Elms (1st Gurkhas) has been gazetted to the General Staff.

THE RUSSIAN ADVANCE.

(Havas Telegram).

March 19.
A Petrograd message says:—We repulsed all attempts at an offensive in the Dniepr region and at Lyska in the Caucasus. We pursued the Turks in the Erzindjan direction and have occupied Kotur.

ALLIED CONFERENCE ENDS.

(Havas Telegram).

March 19.
The Allied Conference being ended, the British Ministers will now go to Rome.

[In the event of telegrams arriving too late for insertion on this page they will be found on Page 5 or on Extra.]

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

THE ITALIANS.

Fierce Artillery Duels.

March 20, 3.30 a.m.
Reuter's correspondent at Rome says:—The communique reports continued activity on the Italian front, with fierce artillery duels and infantry encounters.

French Destroyer Sunk.

March 20, 3.30 a.m.
An official message from Reuter's correspondent at Paris states that an enemy submarine sank the French destroyer, *Benaudin*, in the Adriatic on March 3. Three officers and 44 men are missing, and two officers and 34 men have been saved.

Moreover, some soldiers and firemen have been seriously injured by falling debris.

Within half an hour of the first outbreak, the roof of the Chamber fell in, and it was soon realised that the local brigade could not cope with the task. The authorities therefore sent to Montreal for aid, but the entire block became involved with startling rapidity, and by three this morning, the buildings were gutted.

Two members of Parliament and a woman who were in the reading-room when the fire started are convinced that an infernal machine with a time-fuse caused the outbreak. Access to the building was not difficult, for the library to the rear of the reading-room is accessible to the public and the evening hours are not busy in the building, so that the incendiary would be able to leave his bomb and escape.

Two Women Suffocated.

Ottawa, February 4.
Mrs. Seigney (the wife of the Speaker) had a perilous leap for life. The Speaker's chambers were so quickly filled with smoke that escape into the corridor was impossible, and she was forced to jump from a window twenty feet from the ground. She was caught in a life net. Her two children were rescued with difficulty.

Fortunately, there was a very thin attendance in the Chamber, as an uninteresting debate was in progress and an early adjournment was in prospect.

Two women lost their lives—Mrs. Morin and Mrs. Bray, both of Quebec City, who were the guests of the Speaker and Mrs. Seigney. When the alarm sounded, Mrs. Seigney seized her two small children and called on her guests to follow her. Escape into the corridors was impossible.

and she had to jump twenty feet into a life net, saving her children in the same way.

Mrs. Dussault also jumped safely into the life net. The other two, becoming confused, ran into a corridor, and were there overcome by smoke. When the firemen reached them both were beyond help, although several doctors gave them prompt attention.

The latest report is that, besides the two ladies, four men have lost their lives.

Members, headed by Colonel Carre, stretched a hose along the corridor, but they were driven back by the rush of smoke.

A general alarm brought the city fire brigade to the scene. The efforts of the firemen, however, seemed unavailing almost from the first, as, fanned by a strong north wind, the flames rapidly swept through the building, which occupies an elevated position on the bank of the Ottawa River. Soon both the Senate and the House of Commons wings were on fire, the woodwork of the interior rendering the structure an easy prey to the advancing fire.

Practically all records of Parliament have been destroyed. The building itself will entail a loss of about \$2,000,000 (\$400,000). The view that the fire was caused by a hostile incendiary is strongly held by the Speaker.

The fight to save the Library building has been successful. The building itself is undamaged, but considerable damage has been done to the books, particularly to those in the basement, by water.

Mr. B. Law, member of the Dominion House of Commons for Yarmouth, Nova Scotia, and Mr. J. B. Lyplant, assistant clerk in the House of Commons are among those reported missing—*Manchester Guardian*

TELEGRAMS.

THE MEXICAN TROUBLE.

General Villa Trapped.

[Reuter's Service to The "Telegraph."]

London, Received, March 21.
According to Reuter's correspondent at El Paso, a wireless message says General Villa is trapped on the Babicora Lake, and everything depends on General Carranza's holding his end.

THE SICK ROOM.

London, Received, March 21.
The condition of Sir L. S. Jameson is satisfactory.
London, Received, March 21.
Mr. Asquith has passed a good night.
Lord Curzon is making fair progress.

OBITUARY.

The Rev. Stopford Brooke.

London, Received, March 21.
The death is announced of the Rev. Stopford A. Brooke, the well-known man of letters, who, before he succeeded from the Church of England, was curate at St. Matthew's, Marylebone, and Hon. Chaplain to Queen Victoria.

UNOPPOSED RETURN.

London, Received, March 21.
Mr. Cecil Cochrane (Liberal) has been returned unopposed for South Shields.

DON'T FORGET.

TO-DAY.

Bijou Theatre—9.15 p.m.
Victoria Theatre—9.15 p.m.

TO-MORROW.

Bijou Theatre—9.15 p.m.
Victoria Theatre—9.15 p.m.

Thursday, March 23.
H.K. Lawn Tennis League.—Annual Meeting at the Cricket Club Pavilion; 5.15 p.m.
Bible Society.—Annual Meeting of Hongkong auxiliary at the City Hall; 5.15 p.m.

Saturday, March 25.
Hongkong Rope Manufacturing Co., Ltd.—Meeting of Shareholders; 11.30 a.m.
Hongkong Rope Manufacturing Co., Ltd.—Extraordinary General Meeting; 11.45 a.m.

H.K.V.C.—Serge's Mess Dinner, Hongkong Hotel; 8 p.m.
Monday, March 27.
Hongkong Club.—Thirtieth Yearly General Meeting; 5.30 p.m.

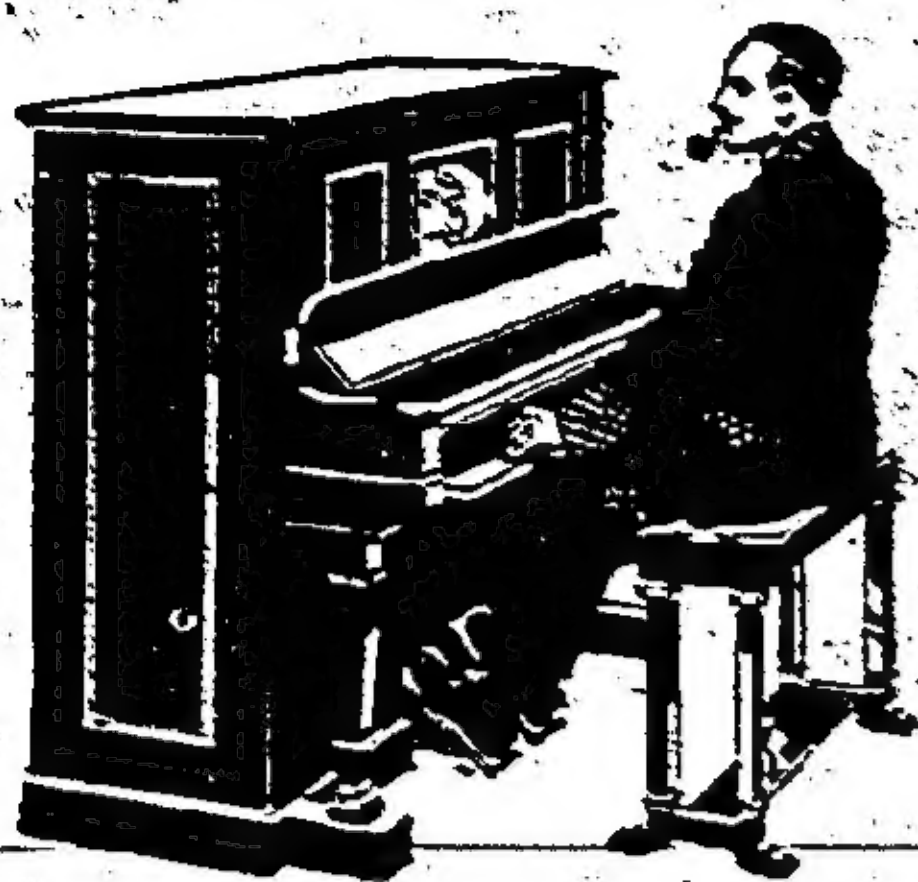
Tuesday, March 28.
Hongkong Ice Company, Ltd.—Meeting of shareholders; 11.30 a.m.
Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.—Meeting of shareholders; noon.

Wednesday, March 29.
China Sugar Refining Co., Ltd.—Meeting of shareholders; 11.30 a.m.

Friday, March 31.
Laxon Sugar Refining Co., Ltd.—Meeting of shareholders; 11.30 a.m.

Tuesday, April 4.
Mr. E. Danenberg's "Papilio Pictor" Recital at the City Hall; 4.45 p.m.

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Hongkong, 17th March, 1916.

HONGKONG CLUB.

NOTICE.

THE THIRTIETH YEARLY
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held in the Club House, on
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on February 10th, 1916, \$1,000,000
worth bonds have been drawn,
which amount constitutes one-
fifth of the bonds recognized by
this Ministry. Numbers of drawn
bonds will soon be published in
the Government Gazette and
other newspapers. Repayment
of bonds in Singapore, Batavia
and the Philippine Islands
will be made by the branch
offices of the Hongkong and
Shanghai Banking Corporation at
these places. In Cuba, repay-
ments will be made by the Chung-
hwa Guild in Yokohama by the
Chinese Consulate-General in
Kiangsi by the Kiangsi Bank in
Fukien by the Bank of China in
Peking by the Bank of China.
Besides the above cases, repay-
ments of drawn bonds will gen-
erally be made by the Bank of
China, Shanghai. Drawn bonds
when presented must be accom-
panied by all remaining coupons,
as all such bonds are not entitled
to any further interest after the
payment of the Eighth Coupon.
If all remaining coupons (begin-
ning with the ninth coupon) are
not presented together with the
drawn bond, then the total
amount represented by these
coupons shall be deducted from
the principal to be repaid. Drawn
bonds must be presented for re-
payment within five years from
the date of Second Drawing, after
which period of five years such
bonds shall become null and void.
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72-75 1263-1264

78-81 4514-4517

88-89 4822

94-95 4324-4326

123-123 0473-10500

184-185 11701-11703

206 11760-11766

266-29 11868-11894

301-321 11922-11943

324-325 12165-12191

342-343 12348-12374

370-371 12602-12628

374-375 12764-12790

466-473 12845-12871

3004-3005 12953-12979

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1976-2006 18292-18322

2123-2153 18365-18506

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2309-2339 19182-192-8

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6997-7027 21643-21749

7059-7089 21857-21963

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15381-15441 49677-50700

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The Hongkong Telegraph.

HONGKONG, TUESDAY, MARCH 21, 1916.

AUSTRIA AND BRITAIN.

From force of habit, nine people out of ten still think of this war as being, before all things, between the Triple Alliance and Germany. Other countries have come in, and Austria has been "in" from the beginning; yet it is still, in the mind of the general public, a war between the Allies and the subjects of Kaiser Wilhelm. The most natural explanation is that Austria—and for that matter, Turkey and Bulgaria—did not want war, and were none too well prepared for it; while Germany did want it, had been making ready for it for years past, and had no manner of scruple about dragging into it her unfortunate allies. Serbia and Italy may all along have hated Austria, having good reason therefor; Russia may have suspected and distrusted her; but it is safe to say that neither Britain nor France has felt any particular animosity towards her, either before the war or during the greater part of it. We have felt sorry for her; sorry to see her dragged to her doom by so despicable an associate as Germany; sorry that a great nation should so debase itself as to fight side by side with a race of people who, from being some of the most respected on earth, have come to be the most scorned and ridiculed and detested; but there all feeling ceased—until evil communications corrupted such good manners as Austria chanced to possess and taught her to torpedo merchant vessels.

One might even go a space farther and say that the doings of Austria in the field have aroused but little interest or anger. She has proved a failure from the very beginning and only in concert with Germany or with Bulgaria has she been able to make herself really felt in the big conflict. Many months ago she set out to repel an Italian invasion of her territory; she has not driven the adversary a step back; she has sacrificed thousands of men and untold quantities of stores and ammunition, absolutely to no purpose. In short, she has shown herself well nigh negligible, and, in all this, the British have shown for her a sort of shame-faced and somewhat cheap pity. In view of these facts it now seems something like a schoolboy's gratuitous impudence to a grown man that she should presume to talk to the British Government—a second time, be it remarked—about the arrangements made for the repatriation of her subjects who are not wanted in India.

Why she should have gone out of her way to invite a snub from Sir Edward Grey is one of the things that are past finding out. The incident will strike most Britishers as a piece of utterly pointless and purposeless "check." Nor will the neutral nations find anything in Austria's Note calculated to impress them in her favour; but rather the reverse. At the present moment, one is proud to think that there is not a nation in the world (least of all Germany!) that, in its heart of hearts, believes the British capable, as a nation, of shabby or even questionable behaviour towards an enemy. The children of the Empire have been ready to sacrifice everything in support of their traditions of fair play, and neither the neutrals nor our enemies believe it possible that any harm will be allowed to befall Austrian subjects on the Golconda—unless it be from a German submarine! Can our enemies and the neutrals say as much in favour of Germany and Austria? Would America, or would Holland, like to wager that no harm would come to British subjects while they were under the control of the enemy? If, then, Austria hopes to impose the American, for instance, with a sense of her solicitude for the welfare of her own people and her detestation of all ways that are dark, we fear she will be grievously disappointed. The Austrian Note is not only an insult but an extremely childish and silly one at that.

Living on Beggars.

Residents have no doubt often seen Chinese beggars, maimed or deformed, crawling about the streets or squatting on the sidewalks, while touting for alms has been done by apparently strong, able-bodied youths and men on their behalf. A Police Court case yesterday arose out of such circumstances, a man being charged with sending a crippled boy of ten years out to beg. With the case itself we are not greatly concerned, but a point arose during its hearing which made it evident that it is quite a practice among certain types of lazy, work-shy Chinese to bring poor cripples into the Colony for the express purpose of making money out of them, either by sending them out to beg or by accompanying them on their rounds and doing the actual soliciting. Notwithstanding the nuisance of the beggar business, one feels some measure of sympathy with some of the wretched creatures seen about our streets. But for this other class—the touts who seek to make capital out of other people's afflictions—no kind of consideration can possibly be felt. They are a lot of sneaking parasites, open to any manner of rogues, and when they are caught they deserve severe and exemplary punishment.

The Police are apparently doing the work which naturally falls within the scope of our local Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, which has built up for itself a record for inaction which makes it unique among similar organisations the world over. It exists on paper—and that is all. Our Police Force, however, despite the many other calls on its time and energy, has of late brought several prosecutions against Chinese who inflict unnecessary suffering on fowls, either by carrying them by the wings or crowding them into baskets in which it is impossible for them to move. A case under the latter head came before Mr. Hazell yesterday, when it was shown that over twenty fully-grown chickens had been forced into a crate which could only comfortably accommodate seven or eight. Such was the state of overcrowding that the heads of most of the birds could not even be seen. The defendant pleaded that he did not know "the customs of Hongkong."

He does now, though. For his Worship soon let him know that the local method of dealing with men of his kind is to impose a stiff fine, with the alternative of a few weeks in gaol. Police and magistrate alike are to be commended for the part they took in the proceedings.

British Goods.

It is good to note that some of the Home firms are taking time by the forelock by appealing to the public now—instead of waiting till the war is over—to support British wares. In one of the latest magazines received from London we find a coloured advertisement, in the background of which is a lighthouse from whose lantern run the words, in glowing vermilion lettering: "Wake Up Britain!" In the foreground is a figure of Britannia looking across the sea and keeping a watchful eye on an imaginary Austria and Germany. This wide-awake firm is Messrs. Butler and Tanner, the well-known printers, and woe to see its example followed by others. The British public is perhaps the slowest in the world to realise a danger, and it is only now that we are becoming alive to the fact that the industrial future of our Empire depends on our loyalty to our own productions. It is true that the Free Trade advocates have had the lesson of their lives; but will that lesson survive? If British traders are wise they will give the Imperial Government no rest till all possibility of the post-war importation of German and Austrian goods is put out of the question.

Honoured by China.

The King has been pleased to give and grant unto Mr. James Ross, Deputy Postal Commissioner, Chinese Postal Service, His Majesty's Royal Licence and authority to wear the insignia of the Seventh Class of the Excellent Order, which decoration has been conferred upon him by the President of the Republic of China in recognition of valuable services rendered by him.

DAY BY DAY.

IT IS PLEASANT THROUGH THE LOOPOLES OF RETREAT TO PREPARE SUCH A WORLD—TO SEE THE STATE OF THE GREAT BARRI AND NOT FEEL THE CROWD—COWARD.

The Weather.
At the Peak 8 a.m. Temp. 54; fog.
Lower level 8 a.m. Temp. 62; dull.

The Mails.
European Mail.—(Via Nagasaki).—Arrived per s.s. Katsung to-day.

Siberian Mail.—Closed per s.s. Anhui to-day at 3 p.m.
American, Canadian and Siberian Mails.—Close per s.s. Empress of Russia at 10.30 a.m. to-morrow.

The Dollar.
The rate of the dollar on demand to-day is 1-11 11/16.

To-morrow's Anniversary.
To-morrow is the 317th anniversary of the birth of Vandyck the painter.

Pupils' Recital.
The annual piano recital by Mr. E. Danenberg's pupils is to be given in St. Andrew's Hall, City Hall, on April 4, at 4.45 p.m.

Withdrawn.
The charge against the man at the Police Court yesterday, before Mr. Hazell, of aiding and abetting a 10-year-old boy to beg, was to-day withdrawn.

Old Offender Sent to Gaol.
In the case of Manuel Sequiera, an old offender, who was charged yesterday with begging outside the G.P.O., his Worship said he had decided to fine him \$5, or seven days.

Alleged Assault at Kowloon.
Chan Sam summoned Leung Kat, at the Police Court, before Mr. Hazell this morning, with assault, alleged to have been committed at Kowloon. The case was remanded in order that complainant should have time to bring evidence.

Bible Society Meeting.
The annual meeting of the Hongkong Auxiliary of the British and Foreign Bible Society is to be held at the City Hall on Thursday at 5.15 p.m. The Bishop of Victoria is to preside, and an address will be given by the Rev. D. W. Lyon, M.A., National Y.M.C.A. Secretary for China.

Chinese Contractor Fined.
A Chinese contractor was charged before Mr. Wood, at the Police Court this morning, with depositing stones over the side of a cliff instead of at the back of the lot to which he was making an approach, and for which he had a permit. Mr. Sara, of the P.W.D., said that by doing what he had, the contractor had saved himself a lot of trouble. In consequence of the stones being hurled down, a good deal of damage had been done to trees. A fine of \$20 was imposed.

A Peculiar Case.
In the case of a Chinese charged before Mr. Wood, at the Police Court this morning, with having untrue scales, Inspector Withers said this was a very peculiar case. The man had a European scale which was five per cent. in favour of the purchaser, but he had also weights which were 3, and 7/10 per cent. against the purchaser. Defendant had also a Chinese scale which was correct. A fine of a dollar was imposed and the scales were confiscated.

Wicked Assault.
A Chinese was charged with assault, before Mr. Hazell, at the Police Court this morning. It appeared that defendant, who lived at 16, Belchers Street, had some clothes stolen, but never reported the matter to the police, and when, the next day, he saw complainant, he took him into his room and taxed him with the theft of the articles, keeping him several hours, during which time he struck him several times. He then tried to "square" the matter for \$20. His Worship said he took a serious view of the case. Defendant would be fined \$50, or two months.

THE BIBLE SOCIETY.

A Year's Work by the Hongkong Auxiliary.

The annual report of the Hongkong Auxiliary of the British and Foreign Bible Society, signed by the Rev. T. W. Pearce, Hon. Secretary, states that the past twelve months have been marked by an advance on the part of the Auxiliary. Its endeavours to effect and extend, in Hongkong, sympathy with the British and Foreign Bible Society have met with distinct encouragement. Subscriptions and donations, exceeding in value those raised for the purpose in any previous year, have been collected in aid of Bible work; whilst the area of appeal has been widened, notably in the sphere of Church Collections.

That the efforts under report have not been affected, adversely, by war conditions in the colony, is significant and suggestive. The place of the Bible Society on sea and land, in camp and training field, in barracks and on the march, in relation to fighting men at the front and to wounded men in hospital, does not fail of practical recognition from a community never unmindful of its debt to our soldiers and sailors. Clearer understanding of the Society's activities in special forms, designed to meet the needs of our army and navy in war time, have been "factors of consequence" in the more favourable situation revealed by the Subscription Lists and Balance Sheet.

Of the twelve churches from which help has been drawn in connection with the observance of Bible Sunday, nine are Chinese. One of these is at a market town, remote from Hongkong, on the far side of the Leased Territories. It will be observed that all parts of the Colony are represented in the list of Churches associated with the Auxiliary during the year.

Whilst friends of the Bible Society find added cause for satisfaction in the helpful attitude of this local constituency, as attested alike by Church Collections, Subscription Lists and unsolicited donations, this Report would lay stress on the constant value of special advocacy from pulpit and platform and through visitation by members of the Ladies' Committee. For the clear presentation of the Society's claims in the bounds, scope and measure of its activities supply considerations to which the most valid sanctions attach. Pamphlet literature for the information of the Churches in view of Bible Sunday and for the use of Collectors, is available from the Shanghai Agency, through the Hongkong Depot. Testimony from approved sources as to the character and extent of the Society's work cannot fail to prove enlightening and this should be read with leaflets which outline, cogently and succinctly, the position of Bible work in the world, to-day.

From the depot in Lower Wyndham Street there were sold during the year 1,475 Bibles, 2,754 New Testaments and 1,825 smaller portions of Scripture, a total of 6,045 copies in sixteen languages. The figures of distribution by sales are a tribute to the utility of the Depot as an adjunct to local churches and missions, in a cosmopolitan community where Eastern languages, especially, are widely represented.

In addition to the sales of Scriptures, calendars, scrolls and maps issued by the Bible Society, have a prominent place in the returns of distribution for the twelve months period. This Committee would commend the work of the Depot to the consideration of friends of the Bible Society resident in or visiting the colony. In seeking to meet the needs of this mixed population it becomes a witness to aims, methods, and services, which it is the design of this Auxiliary to promote.

This Committee has had occasion, recently, to notice an instructive statement by the British and Foreign Bible Society's Agent to the effect that during a century of effort in China, the Society has been the means of circulating in that country more than 28,000,000 copies of the Christian Scriptures, a fact that holds in it large possibilities of enlightenment and

EDUCATION IN CHINA.

Influence of Hongkong University.

The New York Outlook of February 16 has the following:—
The work of the Christian Literature Society in China is intimately connected with political progress. The reformers of 1895 were among the most highly educated men in the Empire, and for three years Kang-Yu-wei, Liang Chi-chao, and others, through their organ, "Chinese Progress," stirred up the minds of millions of men. Their work was not altogether advanced by the more radical revolutionaries who finally brought about a change from a monarchy to a republic, in so far as some of the revolutionaries followed inefficient methods, and the consequent political unrest allowed bandits like the "White Wolves" to organize brigandage through most of the provinces. The same upholders of the Republic, however, did much good in enabling President Sun Yat-sen and after him Yuan Shi-kai to establish increasingly stable governments, so that now the latest report of the Christian Literature Society can say, "The people are in comparative peace and trade is reviving." The report does not fail to add, however, "It will take many years, perhaps generations, before China can be put on a stable and progressive basis. For before that is possible, there must be better education throughout the land, and the spread of moral ideals and sanctions."

So long as education is not developed it is vain to hope for a permanent settlement. That there is hope for such settlement, however, is indicated, not only by what China herself is doing, but also by what her friends are doing for her. During the past year American endeavours have been accentuated by the report of the Rockefeller Foundation Commission, which is about establishing medical colleges of the first order in China. The interest of other nations is indicated by the augmented work of the Hongkong University (British), which has Chinese students from most of the provinces, and by the educational institutions which Japan is putting up in Shanghai, also by the work of the Municipal Council in Shanghai.

The chief internal change in the Christian Literature Society is the resignation, after twenty-four years' service, of the Rev. Dr. Timothy Richard. When he began his term of office, China, as he has said, lacked four things: true science, true history, true economy, and true religion. As to the first, Chinese text-books said nothing about chemistry or physics. As to history, the text-books spoke of China as the only civilized nation. As to economics, the Chinese books never told students about the advantages to be derived from international trade. Finally, as to religion, any Chinese who became a Christian was liable to be dismissed from the Government service.

HONGKONG TRAMWAY COMPANY LIMITED.

The following is the approximate statement of Traffic Receipts for the week ending March 18, 1916:—

	Receipts Aggregate for week.	Receipts for 11 weeks
This Year:—	\$11,005	\$138,379
Last Year:—	9,800	121,871
Increase:—	1,205	16,508
Decrease:—		

progress, now quickened and enhanced by the educational movements of the new time.

As the wider fields of service present larger occasions, the response of this Auxiliary to the call of Bible work should be the more ready and on the lines of further continued advance.

HONGKONG GYMKHANA CLUB.

Programme for the First Meeting.

The Programme of the First Gymkhana Meeting, to be held at the Happy Valley on Saturday, April 15th, at 3.15 p.m. (weather permitting) is as follows:—

Half Mile Race.—For Subscription Griffs of the Season 1915-1916 which have run and not won an Official Race. Weight for inches as per scale. Off Day Winners 5 lb. extra. Unplaced runners at Official Meeting and/or Off Day allowed 3 lb. Entrance fee \$5. 1st Prize: \$150. 2nd Prize: \$75. 3rd Prize: \$35. Gymkhana Stakes.—Value \$200. Distance—One Mile. For all China Ponies. Catch weights at 10 at 6 lb. Winners of an open race or open Griffin race or Ponies that have won the aggregate prize in the Gymkhana Stakes in any season 5 lb. extra. Non-winning Subscription Griffs allowed 5 lb. Entrance fee \$5. 2nd Prize: \$100. 3rd Prize: \$50.

Ladies' Nomination.—Bending Race in Heats. Open to members of the Jockey, P. & O., and Gymkhana Clubs, and to naval and military officers. Each competitor to be nominated by a Lady. Entrance free. Prizes for successful competitors and souvenirs for ladies nominating them presented by the Gymkhana Club: Three or more rows of bamboo poles will be placed on the course, and each competitor will pass the first pole of the row assigned to him on his right, second on left, continuing alternately, rounding the last pole and returning in the same manner. Winner of heat will be first past winning post leaving all poles standing or fewest down. China ponies to be used. No whips or spurs allowed. As this is a test of horsemanship and handiness of ponies there is no restriction as to weight, but each rider must apply at the weighing room for a number cloth before the race.

One Mile Race.—For Subscription Griffs of any season. Weight for inches as per scale. Winners of one Official Race 5 lb. extra; of two or more Official Races 10 lb. extra. Unplaced runners in Official Races allowed 5 lb. Entrance fee \$5. 1st Prize: \$150. 2nd Prize: \$75. 3rd Prize: \$35.

5.—Polo Pony Scurry.—400 Yards.—For bona fide Polo Ponies to be ridden by playing members of the Hongkong Polo Club. Catch weights—12 stones. Standing Start. Entrance fee: \$3. 1st Prize: \$50. 2nd Prize: \$30. 3rd Prize: \$20.

6.—One and a Quarter Mile Race. Handicap.—For all China Ponies. Entrance fee: \$5. 1st Prize: \$150. 2nd Prize: \$75. 3rd Prize: \$35.

Entries for all events close to the Hon. Secretary, Hongkong Gymkhana Club, on Wednesday, April 5.

REVENGE?

Alleged Attempt to Scuttle A Ship.

An unusual and serious charge was made against two Chinese, named Lan-lan and Wong Yim, at the Police Court this morning, of maliciously damaging the machinery of the s.s. Shing Ping, with intent to destroy and sink the vessel in the waters of the Colony.

They were also charged with being on board without permission at midnight on the 20th inst.

Inspector Brazil said the first defendant was formerly employed as an engineer on the ship, but he deserted some ten days ago. He was found by the engineer on board, and a search resulted in the discovery that the bolts which hold the seacock had been drawn, with the intention, apparently, of scuttling the ship. He was discovered and arrested by the engineer and watchmen. It seemed to be a case of revenge because he had lost his job. The damage done to the ship was only nominal—merely a dollar or two. The case was adjourned.

POLICE RESERVE ORDERS.

Orders issued to-day by Mr. R. C. Jenkins, D.S.P., (Reserve) were—

Police Reserve Band.
The Police Reserve Band will play at the Victoria Theatre at 11.15 p.m. on Thursday, March 23rd, on the occasion of a performance in aid of the Hongkong Red Cross in the Overseas Ward of Wesley Hospital.

On all parades attended by the Band, all members attached thereto must parade with the Band and not with their Platoons.

Uniform.
Police pattern Puggarees have been issued to Equipment Officers, Platoon Commanders of Nos. 2 and 3 Companies will see that their men have some fitted before Friday next, March 24th.

The Tailor will attend at Central from 5.30 to 6 p.m. on Thursday and Tuesday each week.

Route March.
Friday 24th March. All Banks and Units will parade at Volunteer Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. punctually on Friday next. Uniform with Helmets. All patrolmen (except Water Police) will attend this parade, and will not do any Patrol duty that night.

Mounted Patrols.
Members of this detachment will parade at the Stables at 8.15 p.m. sharp on Wednesday, March 22nd. Uniform, caps without covers, belts and Revolvers.

The Riding Master reports that the following troops are passed out for Patrol duty—Scull, Fernandez, Chan Mak Heung, Kew, Wei Wing Hoang, Relf, Maxwell and Gidding.

Acknowledgment.
The D.S.P. acknowledges with thanks the very fair and friendly (though unnecessarily sarcastic) criticisms of his petulant correspondence on the matter of the recent Drill Cap Competition.

Joined.
No. 1 Co. No. 2 Platoon—S. H. Spaulding.

ALLEGED FORGED CHOP.

A serious charge was preferred against a man named Mak Lai-yan, described as a writer, of 125, Connaught Road Central, at the Police Court this morning, before Mr. J. R. Wood. The charge was one of falsifying a cheque of \$310, drawn on the Banco Asiatic Bank, and of falsifying the chop of the Yiu Shing Lang Firm, with intent to defraud.

Inspector Brazil said a clansman of the defendant in California sent him a cheque for \$310, which he was to cash, divide into two parts, and send into the country with a view to getting about 16 per cent. premium on the money. Defendant forged the firm's chop. He was detected in the bank.

His Worship—Did he not get the money?—No, he was caught in the bank. He was there to cash the cheque with a chop made by himself. He had two letters in his pocket addressed to his clansman, and in each letter was to be put a portion of the cheque when cashed. I believe defendant thought he was doing something quite innocent, and that he was not doing anything wrong.

The case was adjourned until Saturday.

COUNTERFEIT COIN.

A charge of uttering counterfeit two-cent pieces was preferred against a Chinese named Cheung King, at the Police Court this morning, before Mr. Hazeland. Inspector Angus stated that the defendant was going round a Chinese theatre, palming off to men selling cigarettes etc., several two-cent pieces. Apparently they were getting counterfeit coins, and they proceeded to watch the man. Defendant was caught and was known outside, where he threw away 20 cents. He had in his possession several packets of cigarettes, some two-cent pieces and 83 copper cents which he had received in exchange.

Defendant was sent to prison for three months.

COMPANY REPORTS.

The Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.

The report of the above Company, for presentation to the shareholders at the forty-seventh ordinary meeting, to be held at the offices of the General Manager, on Tuesday 28, at noon, is as follows—

The General Managers and Consulting Committee have pleasure in submitting to the shareholders the forty-seventh annual report of the Company.

1914 Account.—This account shows a net profit on working of \$344,549.16.

This sum, subject to the approval of shareholders, it is proposed to deal with as follows, viz—

Dividend of \$27.00 per share ... \$216,000.00

Addition to Reserve Fund ... 128,549.16

\$344,549.16

1915 Account.—The balance at credit of this account is \$555,935.73.

Consulting Committee.—Mr. Barton resigned his seat on account of his departure from the Colony and Mr. H. P. White was invited to fill the vacancy.

The Hon. Sir Paul Chater, C.M.G., Messrs. White, Mainland and Gubbay retire, but being eligible, offer themselves for re-election.

Sir Robert Ho Tung has accepted an invitation to join the Consulting Committee, his election requires the confirmation of shareholders.

Auditors.—The accounts have been audited by Messrs. H. Percy Smith, F.C.A., and A. R. Lowe, F.C.A.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD.
General Managers,
Hongkong Fire Insurance Company, Limited.

Working Account, 1914.
On 31st December, 1915.

Looses and Claims, \$172,424.47

Charges, ... 41,832.29

Remuneration to Consulting Committee and Auditors, ... 5,800.00

Commissions, ... 115,683.24

Balance, as per Balance Sheet, ... 344,549.16

\$680,269.16

Net Premium received, less Returns and Reinsurances, ... 498,559.09

Interest, ... 181,678.07

Transfer Fees, ... 82.00

\$680,269.16

Working Account, 1915.
On 31st December, 1915.

Looses and Claims, ... \$72,190.00

Charges, ... 39,258.76

Commissions, ... 141,057.20

Balance, as per Balance Sheet, ... 505,935.73

\$758,440.69

Net Premium received, less Returns and Reinsurances, ... \$576,449.48

Interest, ... 18,929.21

Transfer Fees, ... 62.00

\$758,440.69

Balance Sheet.

LIABILITIES.
Capital, 8,000 shares of \$250 each—\$2,000,000.00 of which \$50 per share has been paid up, ... \$400,000.00

Reserve Fund, as per last account, ... 1,600,000.00

Reinsurance Fund, ... 514,316.19

Investment and Exchange Fluctuation Account, ... 61,406.94

Uncollected Dividends, ... 1,782.00

Accounts payable, ... 68,438.05

Working Account 1914, ...

Net Profit, as per Statement, ... 344,549.16

Working Account 1915, as per Statement, ... 505,935.73

\$3,496,429.07

ASSETS.

Cash, in hand and in transit and on Current Account and Fixed Deposits with Banks, ... \$357,081.68

Mortgages, Loans and Debentures, ... 1,654,985.31

Foreign Government Silver Bonds, ... 4,666.07

Indian and Colonial Government Stocks, ... 92,973.92

Foreign Government Gold Loans, ... 131,427.39

Indian, Colonial and Foreign Railway and Port Trust Bonds and Stocks, ... 157,492.17

Other Investments, ... 444,985.22

Agency Balances, ... 64,414.83

Accounts Receivable, ... 88,441.68

\$3,496,429.07

Starling Exchange taken at 1s. 11d.

C. P. CHATER, } Members of the
F. MAITLAND, } Consulting Committee.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD.
General Managers.

Auditors' Report.—We report that we have examined the Accounts of the Company at the Head Office with the Books and Vouchers in Hongkong and returns received from the various Agencies for the year ending 31st December, 1915. We have also satisfied ourselves as to the existence and value of the Securities for Investments, Cash at Banks and on Mortgage to the amounts specified. We have obtained all the information and explanations we have required and, in our opinion, the above Balance Sheet is properly drawn up so as to exhibit a true and correct view of the state of the Company's affairs according to the best of our information and the explanations given to us and as shown by the Books of the Company.

A. R. LOWE, F.C.A. } Auditors.
H. PERCY SMITH, F.C.A. }

Hongkong, 15th March, 1916.

Luzon Sugar Refining Company, Limited.

The statement of accounts of the above Company for the year ending December 31, 1915, is as follows—

Profit and Loss Account.

To Interest, ... \$27,803.41

To Loss in Exchange, ... 2,515.13

To Audit Fee, ... 50.00

To General Managers Commission, ... 12,422.03

To Consulting Committee Fees, ... 1,500.00

To Allowance for Income Tax to Philippine Government 1 per cent, on Net Profit for year, ... 1,215.51

To Balance Profit as per Balance Sheet, ... 120,335.80

\$165,841.88

By Gain on Working Account, ... \$165,841.88

\$165,841.88

Balance Sheet.

LIABILITIES.
Capital 7,000 shares of \$100 each fully paid, ... 700,000.00

Jardine, Matheson and Co., Ltd., Current Account, ... 276,739.49

Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, ... 82,000.00

Accounts Payable, ... 18,947.36

Profit and Loss Account, ...

Profit for year to date, as per statement, ... 120,335.80

Less Balance as per last a/c, ... 29,445.68

90,890.12

\$1,186,576.97

ASSETS.

Property as per last account, ... \$554,272.07

Additions during year, ... 11,291.70

666,163.77

Stocks of Raw and Refined Sugar, &c., ... 350,338.15

Stocks of Coal, Charcoal, Stores, etc., ... 52,539.33

Fire Insurance Unexpired Premium, ... 2,239.61

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The H.K.C.C. Tournament.

Play was continued in the above tournament yesterday, quite a number of ties being decided. It was first announced that all first and second round ties should be played off by the 20th; but the weather has on several occasions made the cancellation of fixtures necessary, and as a consequence, several ties in those rounds are still to be decided. The tournament is, however, well forward, and, given anything like decent weather conditions, there will be no difficulty in getting matters concluded by the date first in view. Yesterday's results were as follows—

Open Championship singles.—H. Hancock beat Y. C. Chow, 6/1, 6/2.

Handicap Singles "A."—A. H. Crook (rec. 15/1) beat F. K. Smith (rec. 15), 6/0, 6/1.

Handicap Singles "B."—H. E. Muriel (owe 15/3) beat J. A. Ridgway (rec. 4/5), 7/5, 6/3.

Dr. Koch (receives 15/2) beat H. W. Weyler (receives 3/5), 6/2, 6/4.

Handicap Doubles.—Lt. Col. Faichnie and Capt. Milner-Jones (owe 2/6) w.o. from R. Hancock and H. Hancock (owe 3/0).

Capt. Hammond and J. W. Franks (rec. 4/6) beat Lt. Col. Faichnie and Capt. Milner-Jones (owe 2/6), 10/2, 3/6, 8/6.

P. P. J. Wodehouse and R. O. Hutchison (rec. 15) beat N. J. Ausin and W. J. Hodge (rec. 15), 6/4, 8/5.

Rev. C. L. Cooper-Hunt and Lieut. O. B. Hamilton (owe 15) beat T. E. Pearce and C. W. Beswick (rec. 3/6), 6/3, 6/4.

Mixed Doubles Handicap.—Mr. and Mrs. Nisbet (own 30) beat Mrs. Jenkins and A. G. M. Fletcher (rec. 15), 6/3, 6/2.

H. R. Phillips and G. W. Armstrong (owe 15/3) beat G. W. Sewell and Mrs. C. D. Lamert (owe 3/6), 6/3, 6/4. H. T. Jackman and Mrs. P. D. Wilson (receive 15/3), beat C. Thorne and Miss Robertson (receive 1/6), 6/3, 4/6, 6/2.

For to-morrow only two games had, up to the time of writing, been arranged, but doubtless more games will be fixed.

Account Receivable, ... 92,887.43

Cash in hand, ... 2,403.68

\$1,186,576.97

Hongkong, 6th March, 1916.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD.
General Managers.

J. W. C. BOXNAR, } Members of Consulting Committee.
H. P. WHITE, }

Auditor's Report.—I have audited the above Balance Sheet with the books in Hongkong and the accounts and returns certified by the Company's Agents at Manila and find such Balance Sheet in accordance therewith. In my opinion the balance sheet is properly drawn up so as to exhibit a true and correct view of the Company's affairs at 31st December, 1915, according to the best of my information and the explanations given to me and as shown by the books of the Company. I have obtained all the information and explanations I have required.

A. R. LOWE, F.C.A.,
Auditor.

Hongkong, 6th March, 1916.

NAVAL TEA AND SPORTS.

An Acknowledgment of Appreciated Services.

The organisers of the tea at the City Hall on Saturday the 18th, to sailors "from some ships", desire to express their gratitude to the firms who did so much to help them—Messrs. Wiseman for providing and arranging the tea, Messrs. Lane, Crawford for jam, Messrs. A. S. Watson and Co. for ginger-beer and lemonade during the sports in the Naval Yard, the Anglo-Swiss Milk Co. for 400 packets of chocolate (all at reduced rates); and to the British American Tobacco Co. for giving 450 packets of cigarettes.

Hearty thanks are also due to Commander Gibson, R. N., and the officers and men of H. M. S. Tamar for organising and arranging the sports in so short a time and for decorating and helping at the City Hall; also to Colonel Watson and the officers of the 74th Punjab for allowing their band to play at the Naval Yard during the afternoon; and to Mr. Gonzales and his orchestra from the Hongkong Special Police Reserve, for their voluntary and efficient help towards the success of the City Hall entertainment.

TO-DAY'S ADVERTISEMENTS.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions from the Liquidators of Messrs. Badercker & Co., to sell by Public Auction on TUESDAY, the 28th March, 1916, commencing at 11 a.m. at No. 5 Duddell Street. A Quantity of Valuable Office Furniture.

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NOTICE.

THE ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held in the office of the Company, 2, Queen's Buildings, Connaught Road, Hongkong, on MONDAY, the 3rd April, 1916, at 12 noon for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1915.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 7th March to the 3rd April, 1916, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

R. M. DYER,
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Hongkong, 21st March, 1916.

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Tijbodas	MAKASSAR	25th Mar.	30th Mar.	KOBE
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SANDAKAN	Himsang	Sat. 25th Mar. at noon.
SPORE, Pang & Cebu	Laisang	Sat. 25th Mar. at 3 p.m.
MANILA	Loongsang	Sat. 25th Mar. at 3 p.m.
MOJI & Kobe	Kutsang	Sun. 26th Mar. at 4 p.m.
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A High Dividend.
An instance of an unusually high dividend declared by a Japanese shipping firm at hand. Messrs. Hiroumi & Co., Kobe, declared a dividend of 830 per cent. for the present term, breaking the previous record of 600 per cent., as declared by the Uchida S.S. Co., Kobe.—*Manchuria Daily News.*

Congested Ports.
Reports are again common of very serious delays in the Port of London and other ports in the United Kingdom. All shipowners when discussing the freight problem have emphasized the importance of relieving the congestion at the ports, since there is a great waste of carrying capacity when ships are kept lying idle waiting their turn to discharge. The provision of railway facilities for inland movement of the merchandise closely affects the relief of congestion.

The Letrim.
On January 22 the fine twin-screw, geared turbine ship Letrim, built by Sir Raylton Dixon and Co., Ltd., at their Cleveland Dockyard, Middlesbrough-on-Tees, to the order of the Union Steamship Company, of New Zealand, Ltd., proceeded to sea for her official trials, which were in every way satisfactory. The vessel is of the three-deck type, with bridge and forecastle, her leading dimensions being 491ft. 7in. by 60ft. by 39ft. 4in. moulded, and she has a dead-weight capacity of about 13,000 tons. The geared turbines and boilers, which are fitted with super-heaters, have been installed by Messrs. Richardsons, Westgarth and Co., Ltd., of Hartlepool and Middlesbrough.

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Yokohama Dock Co.
A Directors' meeting of the Yokohama Dock was held on February 23 to consider the proposed shipbuilding company under the joint direction of Mr. Asano, president of the T.K.K. and the Yokohama Dock. Three main points were decided:—The Yokohama Dock will furnish to the new shipbuilding company 7,200 tons of the present Yokohama godown as a site for shipbuilding and a portion of the new company's shares will be taken by the Yokohama Dock. The new company will build three shipbuilding docks on the site, but the equipment of vessels will be carried out at the Yokohama Dock. No repairing of vessels will be done by the new company in order to avoid future competition between the two companies. Engines, tools and other equipment will be furnished by the Yokohama Dock. The capital of the new company is Yen 2,750,000, the same amount as the Yokohama Dock. As to the neighboring grounds of the Imperial Railway Bureau and the Department of Finance, Mr. Asano has already sent applications for sale or lease. Mr. Asano has already purchased a portion of materials for shipbuilding and as soon as a formal contract is signed the work will be started.

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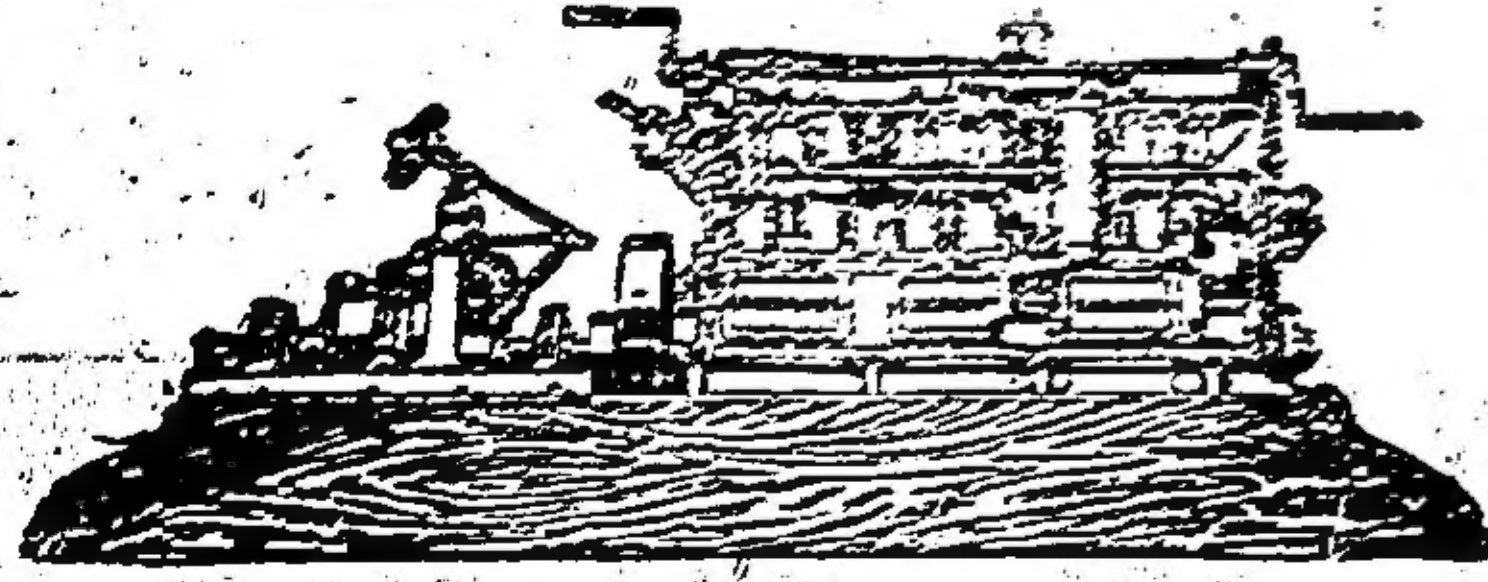
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London	Demodocus	B. & S.	24, Mar.
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London via Ports	Nore	P. & O.	30, Mar.
Liverpool	Glenstrae	S. T. & Co.	Mar.
London & Cape Town, via Ports	Macrae	B. & S.	5, Apr.
London	Kitao M.	N. Y. K.	6, Apr.
London	Treasures	B. & S.	10, Apr.
London	Denbigh Hall B. L. Ltd.	B. & S.	13, Apr.
London	Nelens	B. & S.	1, May
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Seattle	Ikion	B & S.	6, Apr.
San Fcisco via Shai & Japan etc.	Chiyo M.	T. K. K.	8, Apr.
San Francisco	Tijkembang	J.C.J. L.	11, Apr.
San Francisco	China	C. M. S. S.	18, Apr.
Victoria, B.C., & Seattle	Awa M.	N. Y. K.	18, Apr.
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San Francisco via Manila	Persia M.	T. K. K.	21, Apr.
Vancouver	Monteagle	C. P. R.	25, Apr.
Seattle	Talhybuis	B. & S.	28, Apr.
San Fcisco via Shai & Japan etc.	Tenyo M.	T. K. K.	3, May
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AUSTRALIA.

Australian Ports via Port Darwin	Empire	G. L. Co.	8. Apr.
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SINGAPORE, INDIA, COAST PORTS AND JAPAN.

Singapore, Penang & Calcutta	Snisang	J. M. Co.	21, Mar.
Swatow, Amoy & Foochow	Haibong	D. L. & Co.	21, Mar.
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Shanghai	Choyang	J. M. Co.	22, Mar.
Haiphong	Sungkiang	B. & S.	22, Mar.
Singapore, Penang & Calcutta	Kumsang	J. M. Co.	23, Mar.
Ho-how and Haiphong	Leksang	J. M. Co.	23, Mar.
Shanghai, Moji and Kobe	Tomoti M.	N. Y. K.	23, Mar.
Swatow	Haitan	D. L. Co.	23, Mar.
Belawan Deli (Stra) via Stow	S. Jacob	J. C. J. L.	24, Mar.
Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama	Colombo M.	N. Y. K.	24, Mar.
Tientsin	Kueichow	B. & S.	25, Mar.
Singapore, Penang and Calcutta	Laisang	J. M. Co.	25, Mar.
Manila	Loongsang	J. M. Co.	25, Mar.
Sandakan	Hinsang	J. M. Co.	25, Mar.
Batavia	Tijit oem	J. C. J. L.	25, Mar.
Shanghai and Japan	Oanfa	B. & S.	26, Mar.
Moji and Kobe	Kuisanz	J. M. Co.	26, Mar.
Bombay and Ports	Penang M.	N. Y. K.	27, Mar.
Batavia	Tjipanas	J. C. J. L.	28, Mar.
Bombay via Ports	Yeforin M.	N. Y. K.	28, Mar.
Swatow, Amoy & Foochow	Haitan	D. L. Co.	28, Mar.
Shanghai	Kwongsang	J. M. Co.	28, Mar.
Shanghai & Ports to Yokohama	Nagoya	P. & O.	29, Mar.
Batavia	Tijiwong	J. C. J. L.	29, Mar.
Kobe	Thibodas	J. C. J. L.	30, Mar.
Shanghai, Kobe and Yokohama	Hirano M.	N. Y. K.	31, Mar.
Anping and Takao	Sosha M.	N. Y. K.	Mar.
Calcutta and Ports	Tosha M.	N. Y. K.	1, Apr.
Manila	Yunensang	J. M. Co.	1, Apr.
Shanghai and Japan	Ningschow	B. & S.	2, Apr.
Shanghai	Tijit oem	J. C. J. L.	4, Apr.
Shanghai, Taku and Dalny	Pyrrhus	B. & S.	7, Apr.
Manila	Talhybuis	B. & S.	14, Apr.
Nagasaki, Kobe & Yokohama	Aki M.	N. Y. K.	14, Apr.
Shanghai and Japan	Cyclops	B. & S.	28, Apr.
Calcutta and Ports	Ceylon M.	N. Y. K.	22, May

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The C. P. R. s.s. EXPRESS OF JAPAN
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on Monday the 20th inst.

ENGLISH MAIL.

The P. & O. s.s. NOVARA left Shang-
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The I. C. S. N. s.s. MAUSANG left
Calcutta for Hongkong on the 20th inst.
The I. C. S. N. s.s. KUTSANG will sail
from Calcutta for Hongkong on the 21st
inst.
The I. C. S. N. s.s. NAMSANG left
Calcutta on the 10th instant, and is due
here on the 25th instant.
The s.s. CHINA sailed from San Fran-
cisco on the 17th inst. via Honolulu,
Yokohama, Nagasaki and Shanghai for
Hongkong.

VESSELS IN PORT.

Steamers.

Teleschink, Br. s.s. 1,351. A. Fraser 3th
inst. Saigon. 3rd inst. Rice.
Waikang, Br. s.s. 1,170. Picknell, 17th
Feb. Bangkok. 7th Feb. Gen.
J. M. & Co.
Australian Transport, Br. s.s. 3,018. F. R.
Clyde, 17th Feb. New York. 7th
Oct. 1915. Railway Material—B. L.
Tillem, Nor. s.s. 855. D. Horbender.
18th Feb. Bangkok. 3th Feb. Rice.
—T. & Co.
Yital, Br. s.s. 5,730. J. W. Read. 19th Feb.
Bangkok. 19th Feb. Gen.
R. & S.
Kalya, Br. s.s. 1,168. Wilton. 24th Feb.
Put back in distress. 23rd Feb. Nil.
—T. & Co.
Van Spilbergen, Dut. s.s. 1,868. Weerd.
25th Feb. Canton. 24th Feb. Gen.
—T. & Co.
Tango M. Jap. s.s. 1,629. T. Fumato. 2nd
Mar. Dairen. 21st Feb. General.
—M. B. K.
Taming, Br. s.s. 1,355. Pennefather. 4th
Mar. Manila. 1st March. Sugar.
—R. & S.
Chili, Am. s.s. 5,563. T. Gim. 7th Mar.
Singapore. 25th Dec. 1915. Gen.
Oleg, Br. s.s. 1,376. P. Menden. 7th Mar.
Ho-how. 6th Mar. Gen.—Chinese.
Digi Maru, Jap. s.s. 668. T. Konishi. 6th
Mar. Swatow. 1st March. Gen.
—O. S. K.
Himalaya, Fr. s.s. 3,567. Lapoussie. 8th
March. Dairen. 3rd March. Gen.
—M. M.
Hsin Lee, Chi. s.s. 1,359. Mori. 9th March
Weihaiwei. 2nd March. Gen.
—Chinese.
Indragiri, Br. s.s. 1,600. Wm. Charters.
8th March. New York. 6th March.
Gen.—B. & S.
Cheian M. Jap. s.s. 1,066. Mota. 10th
March. Kohakang. 2nd Mar. Rice.
—Chinese.
Kewlin, Br. s.s. 1,073. McGahey. 9th Mar.
Canton. 7th March. Gen.—B. & S.
Tango Maru, Jap. s.s. 4,262. S. Takano.
13th March. Nagasaki. 9th March.
Gen.—N. Y. K.
Haoei, Nor. s.s. 949. S. F. Mies. 14th
March. Singapore. 6th March. Rice.
—M. B. K.
Hongkong, Br. s.s. 3,055. J. Mason. 14th
March. Singapore. 8th Mar. Gen.
—Chinese.
Chidai, Nor. s.s. 1,102. N. Ejorth. 15th
March. Saigon. 10th March. Rice.
—T. & Co.
Tonghong, Br. s.s. 1,314. F. J. Prynn. 15th
March. Saigon. Rice—Order.
Kailang, Br. s.s. 1,228. Jones. 15th Mar.
Saigon. Rice—B. & S.
Sol Sans, Br. s.s. 1,754. J. H. Simpson.
15th March. Kobe. 9th March. Gen.
—J. M. & Co.
Nichiyei M. Jap. s.s. 1,373. Kumagata.
15th March. Nagasaki. 9th March.
Coal—M. B. K.
Tak Sans, Br. s.s. 977. E. Knight. 16th
March. Hongkong. 15th March. Gen.
—J. M. & Co.
Tong Hong, Br. s.s. 1,314. Prynn. 16th
March. Saigon. 11th March. Rice—
Chinese.
Kumsang, Br. s.s. 2,077. F. Wheeler. 17th
March. Moji. 13th March. Gen.—
J. M. & Co.
Tong Hong, Br. s.s. 1,314. Prynn. 17th
March. Saigon. 13th March. Rice—
T. & Co.
Anhui, Br. s.s. 1,355. Eddy. 18th March.
Shanghai. 14th Mar. Gen.—B. & S.
Kanchow, Br. s.s. 1,222. Lewis. 18th Mar.
—M. B. K.
Laisang, Br. s.s. 2,555. Mooney. 18th Mar.
Spore. 11th Mar. Gen.—J. M. & Co.
Tongkai, Chi. s.s. 832. Honda. 18th March.
—Bangkok. 8th Mar. Rice—Chinese.
Kwangshai, Br. s.s. 1,356. C. Stewart. 18th
March. Shanghai. 15th March. Gen.
—C. M. S. N. Co.
Hanoi, Fr. s.s. 700. Mooran. 18th Mar.
Haiphong. 17th March. Gen.—A. R.
Marty.
Sultana Langkat, Dut. s.s. 3,900. Fries.
18th March. Shanghai. 15th March.
Gen.—P. & O.
Kansa, Br. s.s. 1,238. Cobe. 19th March.
Saigon. 14th March. Rice—B. & S.
Sinking, Br. s.s. 1,166. C. C. Williams.
19th March. Shanghai. 16th March.
Gen.—B. & S.
Lokang, Br. s.s. 977. Ritchie. 19th Mar.
—Haiphong. 18th March. Gen.—J.
M. & Co.
Seward, Am. s.s. J. Johnson. 19th March.
—M. B. K.
Haibong, Br. s.s. 1,270. J. W. Evans. 19th
March. Swatow. 18th March. Gen.
—D. L. & Co.
Haibong, Br. s.s. 1,363. A. E. Hodgins.
19th Mar. Saigon. 14th Mar. Gen.
—Chinese.
Nevis, Nor. s.s. 904. G. Balberg. 19th Mar.
—Saigon. 14th Mar. Rice—T. & Co.
Selam, Nor. s.s. 855. E. Havender. 19th
March. Saigon. 15th March. Rice—
T. & Co.
Haidis, Br. s.s. 1,065. A. Suen. 20th
March. Saigon. 17th March. Gen.—
J. C. J. L.
Hinsang, Br. s.s. 1,283. C. A. Kennedy.
20th March. Hongkong. 15th March.
Coal—J. M. & Co.
Manila Maru, Jap. s.s. 6,033. N. Kobay-
ashi. 20th March. Shanghai. 17th
March. Gen.—O. S. K.
Hapet, Br. s.s. 1,283. 20th Mar. Saigon.
15th March. Rice—B. & S.

VESSELS DUE.

Agents.	Vessel's Name.	Ton- nage.	Date Due.	From.
T. K. K.	Persia Maru	10,000	Mar. 21	San Francisco
N. Y. K.	Ceylon Maru		Mar. 21	Yokohama
J. M. Co.	Kutsang		Mar. 21	Calcutta
B. & S.	Demodocus	6,689	Mar. 21	Shanghai
N. Y. K.	Miyazaki Maru	16,000	Mar. 22	Yokohama
N. Y. K.	Totomi Maru	8,003	Mar. 22	Bombay
J. C. J. L.	Tjimanoeck		Mar. 22	Batavia
B. & S.	Enmaeus	6,696	Mar. 23	Shanghai
P. & O.	Sardinia	6,580	Mar. 23	London
P. & O.	Novara	6,589	Mar. 23	Yokohama
J. C. J. L.	Tjibodas		Mar. 23	Amoy
B. & S.	Tjibodas		Mar. 25	Malakassar
N. Y. K.	Oanfa	9,015	Mar. 25	Yokohama
N. Y. K.	Penang Maru	8,000	Mar. 25	Kobe
B. & S.	Sado Maru	12,500	Mar. 26	America
P. & O.	Union	10,221	Mar. 28	Manila
P. & O.	Nore		Mar. 28	Yokohama
J. M. Co.	Namsang		Mar. 28	Calcutta
J. C. J. L.	Tjibowong		Mar. 28	Kobe
J. C. J. L.	Tjilini		Mar. 29	Batavia
N. Y. K.	Tosa Maru	10,000	Mar. 30	Yokohama
N. Y. K.	Hirano Maru	16,000	Mar. 31	London
B. & S.	Nelus		Mar. 31	Liverpool
B. & S.	Ningschow	9,021	Apr. 1	Liverpool
B. & S.	Glaucus	5,573	Apr. 4	Liverpool
N. Y. K.	Kitano Maru	16,000	Apr. 5	Yokohama
B. & S.	Pyrrhus	7,503	Apr. 6	Liverpool
G. L. & Co.	Eastern		Apr. 6	Australia
J. C. J. L.	Tjibombang		Apr. 7	Java
B. & S.	Changsha		Apr. 9	Australia
B. & S.	Talhybuis	10,284	Apr. 10	Seattle
N. Y. K.	Nikko Maru	9,600	Apr. 13	Yokohama
B. & S.	Talhybuis	10,284	Apr. 22	Manila
B. & S.	Cyclops	9,033	Apr. 27	Liverpool
J. C. J. L.	Arakan		May 8	Java
N. Y. K.	Aki Maru	12,500	May 14	Yokohama

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Tonka.	a. 387.
Doles (Old).	b. \$ 120.50.
Doles (New).	b. \$ 115.50.
Cementa.	b. \$ 10.60.

LANGKAT OUTPUT.

Messrs. Wright and Hornby advise us that the Langkat output for the current month is as follows:

March	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
	176	183	177	181	177	176	172	173	143	158	153	169	160	149	159	160	158	152	152	155

Total to 20th inst. 3,271

Daily average 163.55

WEAK WHISKY.

An interesting Police Court Case.

Inspector Withers charged the Sun Company, at the Magistracy this morning, before Mr. J. B. Wood, with selling whisky which did not contain the necessary ingredients.

The Inspector said he had sent a third of the sample taken to the analyst.

A representative of Messrs. J. D. Hutchinson and Co., stated that the spirit was manufactured by James Munroe and Co., of Scotland. Their traveller came round and they (Messrs. Hutchinson and Co.) financed them although they did not see or touch the goods at all. He believed the Chinese purchasers of consignments really thought the spirit was pure. It was a serious matter for dealers in the Colony. He would suggest that his firm should write Home and ask Messrs. James Munroe and Sons if they would produce a certificate.

His Worship—I shall adjourn the case for three months.

Defendant—I shall not be able to sell the spirit?

His Worship—Not in the Colony.

Defendant—Oh, well, I can send it to another country, then. We must not lose money. (laughter.)

Another Charge.

A charge of a similar character was preferred against the Sincere Co., the spirit in this case being very old liquor whisky.

Mr. Chan Ho, the manager of the Company, said they had bought the liquor from a German firm, which had since been liquidated. They had a small quantity, and they had only a little in stock.

Inspector Withers said that one reason why the Ordinance came into force was because German firms had imported some cases of whisky. As a result of drinking it, some soldiers died, and as a result these liquors were now analysed.

A fine of \$20 was imposed.

HOSPITAL WORK.

Annual Meeting of Alice Memorial Hospital Committee.

The annual meeting of the Finance Committee of the Alice Memorial and Affiliated Hospitals was held at the office of the Secretary for Chinese Affairs (the Hon. Mr. E. R. Hallifax) this morning. The Hon. Mr. E. R. Hallifax presided, those also present being—The Hon. Mr. E. R. Hallifax, Mr. E. M. Crawford, Mr. Alex. MacKenzie, Mr. A. G. Coppin (Hon. Treasurer), Mr. G. T. Edkins, Mr. A. S. D. Conneland, Dr. R. MacLean Gibson (Superintendent and Secretary), and Messrs. Chan Kai-ming, Chan Si-ki, Fung-shan, Kwok Sin-lau, Sin Tak-fan, S. W. To, Un Kam-wa, and J. M. Wong.

The Superintendent's annual report stated, inter alia—

The financial outlook at the beginning of the year was unpromising, but as the year advanced the prospects brightened and the Hon. Treasurer was able to show a credit balance at the end of 1913. It was feared that the finances would suffer considerable loss owing to the liquidation of German firms which had in former years subscribed to the Hospitals, but on this being made known to the Liquidators many doubled and some tripled their own annual subscriptions; their liberality has been much appreciated. The debit balance has been cleared off, due to the earnest efforts of Mr. Chan Si-ki, Mr. Chan Kang-n, Mr. Choy Chong and the other Chinese gentlemen associated with them. We are very grateful to Mr. Chan Si-ki and those associated with him and all the subscribers who have given such opportune assistance. The Committee of the Theatrical performance for raising funds in aid of Chinese Medical Charities, of which Hon. Mr. Lau Chupak was Chairman, kindly allocated to us a twentieth of the total proceeds and a sum of \$8,300.04 was thus handed over to the Hospitals to be used for general expenses only. We wish to express our cordial thanks to this Committee for this generous donation. Mr. Au Chak-mun very generously gifted furniture to the Nurses' Home to the value of \$904 and to him we also extend our warm thanks.

The medical work has also been encouraging, and the statistics show an increase in the number of out-patients and in patients as compared with 1913. The training of nurses and pupil midwives has been carried on as usual; lectures have been given in physiology, anatomy, nursing and midwifery, in addition to the practical instruction in the wards and out-patient rooms. There have been sixteen nurses in training and the majority have shown keen interest in their work; four have passed the examination of the Midwives Board, Hongkong, and have been admitted to the register of midwives qualified to practise in Hongkong.

Donations, with interest, to the amount of \$17,000 are in hand towards the extension of the Netherlands Hospital, and efforts are being made to get the total amount required.

The report of the Finance Sub-Committee stated that the Sub-Committee met four times, including a meeting in January, 1914, to review the financial position at the end of 1913. The first business considered was to devise means whereby the Hospitals might be relieved of the debit balance. Mr. Chan Si-ki undertook, with the co-operation of the other Chinese gentlemen, to raise the sum required and, thanks to the energetic efforts and generosity of the Chinese members of the Sub-Committee and their friends, the debit was cleared off in July. In October the Committee of Theatrical Performances to raise funds for

Chinese Medical Charities allocated 20 per cent. of the proceeds to the Affiliated Hospitals, the sum received being \$8,300.04, and the Sub-Committee forwarded to the Hon. Mr. E. R. Hallifax, Chairman of the Committee, a suitable acknowledgment of the generous donation. While the above mentioned special contributions relieved immediate needs, the Sub-Committee was alive to the fact that such special help could not be relied upon for the annual expenses and it was agreed that a reliable source should be appointed early in 1914 to collect donations from Chinese subscribers in addition to the regular donations of the Guild. The Sub-Committee reviewed the Hospital Investments and agreed to continue the Permanent Fund for a year at 6 per cent; the value of the Bellio-Medical Fund invested in Hongkong, Canton and Macao Steamboat shares had decreased in value from \$5,000 to \$3,927.50 (March 1913) but as the time was unfavourable for selling and the investment had been made with the approval of the donor, the Sub-Committee recommended no immediate action. A small debt of \$700 on the Nurses Home has been cleared off by a few Chinese gentlemen through Mr. Chan Si-ki.

In proposing that the report of the Sub-Committee be adopted, Mr. Crawford said that if they looked at the balance sheet they would see that it compared very favourably with former years. They had every reason to thank the Committee for the work which had been done. There was generally a debit balance, but this year they had not only wiped that off but had established a credit balance of nearly \$9,000. On the ordinary subscriptions there was an increase of about \$15,000. He would like to propose a very hearty vote of thanks to the Committee for the work it had done, and also to propose its re-election.

This was seconded by Mr. Sin Tak-fan and agreed to.

The Hon. Treasurer's statement showed that the donations had amounted to over \$24,000 and that the other income brought the total receipts to \$36,242. After paying for all expenses, there was a credit balance of \$8,373.

The adoption of the Treasurer's statement was moved by Mr. Chan Kai-ming and seconded by Mr. Chan Si-ki and agreed to.

In commenting upon the accounts, the Treasurer said that it was very satisfactory to find that they had been able to clear off the debit balance of over \$8,000 and have a credit balance of nearly \$9,000. They had not spent what they perhaps ought to have done in the way of building, but it would have to come one day and it was only postponing it. With regard to the expenses and income for the ensuing year, he thought they could not expect so much as last year and, on the other hand, they would be called upon to spend more money owing to various causes.

The statement was then adopted.

It was proposed by Mr. MacKenzie, and seconded by Mr. Un Kam-wa, that a vote of thanks be recorded Mr. Coppin for his work as Treasurer and Mr. Holyoak for auditing the accounts, and that Mr. Coppin be re-elected Treasurer.

This was unanimously agreed to.

In reply, Mr. Coppin acknowledged the great assistance he had received from Mr. Peter Matheson.

In the course of a short speech, the Chairman said that the report was a very unassuming one and without careful examination and special knowledge it was difficult to realise fully what it meant. Such a report could hardly show what a real work these hospitals were doing. The work lay among the women and children of the lower classes of Chinese and they were by far the most difficult and shy class to deal with.

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MARINE COURT CASES.

Before Commander C. W. Beckwith, R.N., at the Marine Court this morning, Capt. Kennedy, of the s.s. Hissang, charged William Neill, 4th Engineer of the said ship, with unlawfully absconding himself from the ship since the 2nd inst. Defendant pleaded guilty.

His Worship sentenced him to 14 days' imprisonment without hard labour.

Police Sergeant George Jackson charged Ho Fook, master of the steam launch Kai Lee, with unlawfully carrying 25 passengers on board his launch in excess of the number allowed by his licence, outside the local trade limits on the 10th inst. A fine of \$50 was imposed.

Acting Lance Sergeant Wilson charged Li Ho, boatmistress, with unlawfully defacing her licence book on the 20th inst. Defendant pleaded guilty and was fined \$5.

Peak Gamblers.

Lam Chung and ten others were charged before Mr. Wood, at the Police Court this morning, with gambling at 85, The Peak. Each was fined \$3.

It was very important that they should be got in touch with and educated in that way. It was the first attempt made to deal with a very big question and it was going to affect infantile mortality and all the other questions associated with it. The number of patients had increased very markedly this year and that was a tribute to the tact and delicacy with which Dr. Gibson and his staff had dealt with the matter. In addition, there was the great work done by midwives and nurses, which, though hardly noticed, carried the work outside the doors of the hospital and resulted in a great amount of good. He thought that the Missionary Society had great courage in tackling a job of that kind. The support that such work deserved was far more than it got, and he hoped there would be an increase of subscriptions this year.

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THE SANITARY BOARD.

Important Development in Water Closet Question.

At the meeting of the Sanitary Board, this afternoon, the very important question of the principles to be followed in dealing with applications for permission to install water closets and trough closets was dealt with. The principles followed hitherto have been held by many to be too limited and it was now sought to adopt principles which will allow of a much freer installation of such conveniences.

The matter was raised by a motion on the part of the President, his resolution being—

(1) That the Board adopt the following principles in dealing with applications for permission to install water closets, namely: The Board will recommend all applications subject to the following proviso: (a) there must be an independent and adequate water supply, (b) the plans must be in conformity to the provisions of the Public Health and Building Ordinances 1903, (c) the storage tanks must be screened against the breeding of mosquitoes, (d) the premises must be occupied (or in the case of new buildings about to be occupied) by persons who understand the use and care of such things, and moreover, the premises to be so constituted as to make it probable that they will be so occupied for some years to come, (e) there must be suitable sewer accommodation.

In deciding on the suitability or otherwise of the sewer to which any particular installation is to be connected, the Board will take into consideration the position, size and state of repair of the outfall of such sewer.

(2) That these principles extend to trough closets, should applications be made to install such.

There was a full attendance of members, those present being: Mr. W. D. Treaman (President), the Hon. Mr. W. Chatham (Vice President), the Hon. Mr. E. R. Hallifax, Col. Crisp, R.A.M.C., Mr. P. W. Goldring, Dr. Ozorio, Mr. Chan Kai-ming, Mr. Ng Hon-Tsz, Dr. W. Pearce (Medical Officer of Health), Mr. F. B. L. Bowley, and Mr. Bowen Bowlands.

In moving his resolution, the President pointed out that the safe-guarding provisions had been inserted because he did not think they could contemplate the general adoption of the water-carriage system in the Chinese houses of the Colony. He was speaking with regard to the poorer classes, experience showing that they did not know how to properly use such conveniences.

Dr. Pearce, in seconding, said he would be very pleased to see the sewer system extended wherever possible. He pointed out the danger from the present use of the dry system, saying that serious diseases, such as cholera, might break out at any time, being caused by the contamination of food from flies.

Mr. Bowley took exception to the word "independent" in Clause A dealing with the water supply, saying that if it were adequate that was all he thought mattered. He took it that "independent" meant other than Government supply. He was hoping that after the troubles of the present war the Government would take action to provide a water supply sufficient for all purposes, and he therefore thought the word "independent" unnecessary. He moved the deletion of the word.

Dr. Ozorio seconded.

The Hon. Mr. Chatham said the suggestion was, he feared, rather difficult, because the sources of supply within the boundaries of the Colony were very limited, and whilst the supply was adequate for domestic purposes now, in

course of time it would be fully absorbed and leave no room for the supplying of water closets.

Mr. Goldring supported Mr. Bowley's contention.

The Hon. Mr. Hallifax objected to a possibility of the Secretary for Chinese Affairs and the Chinese members of the Board being asked to undertake the work of supervising the applications from Chinese householders, saying that he was not prepared, and neither were the Chinese members, he thought, to undertake such work. In that particular he thought the scheme impracticable.

Mr. Bowley's amendment was put to the meeting and lost.

Replying to Mr. Hallifax, the President said that all applications would be granted subject to revocation, as at present, if it were found that the conveniences were misused.

Mr. Hallifax said that the question of supervision would be very difficult and entail a great deal more work than at present.

After some further discussion, the resolution was put and carried, with Mr. Hallifax the only dissident.

DAY BY DAY.

Sunken Junk.

A report has been made to the police that a junk, valued at \$500, laden with old iron, has been sunk.

Theft of Bed Quilt.

At the Police Court, this afternoon, a Chinese was charged with stealing a bed quilt from a boat. He was sent to prison for a month.

A Big Fine.

Lau Ping was charged at the Police Court this morning with having in his possession 18 tins of prepared opium in Connaught Road. A fine of \$1,500, or four months, was imposed.

Returned from Banishment.

For returning from ten years' banishment before his time had expired, a Chinese was today sent to prison for six months and was ordered to be placed in the stocks for four hours.

Theft of Clothes.

The Chinese who was charged yesterday with the theft of several articles from Mr. Nolan, came up again this morning before Mr. Hazeland, and was sent to prison for two months with four hours' stocks.

Fire Brigade Called.

The Fire Brigade last night, at about 9 o'clock, received a call from the C.A. Hazel Dellar that she was on fire. When the Brigade arrived, however, it was found there was nothing more serious than that the copra cargo had become overheated.

A Heavy Sentence.

A thief charged with stealing from the arm of a child, two bangles was sent to prison for 12 months, was ordered to receive 24 strokes of the birch, and be placed in the stocks for four hours, by Mr. Wood, at the Police Court today.

Catholic Women's League Concert.

We would remind our readers of the Catholic Women's League concert which takes place tomorrow at the City Hall at 5 p.m. It is under the patronage of Lady May and Bishop Poole, and the proceeds will be devoted to the Bandage Fund. Tickets may be had at the Hongkong Cigar Store \$1 unreserved and \$2 reserved.

Theft of a Watch.

A Chinese was charged at the Magistracy this morning, before Mr. Wood, with stealing a watch and fob, valued at \$150, from the person of another Chinese. Defendant said he had come to look for his elder brother and it was his intention to return. He saw a small boy being assaulted. The boy ran away and he was seized. Inspector Brazil said defendant was well-known to the police. He was sent to prison for six months.

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VOLUNTEER RESERVE ORDERS.

Order No. 27, issued to-day by Major Wakeman, Commanding H.K.V.R. states—

On duty till the morning of Friday the 24th inst.—H.K.V.O.

Next for Duty.

"B" Co. from the morning of Friday the 24th inst. to the morning of Friday the 31st inst.

Orderly Officer for the same period—Lieut. C. W. Boswick. Parade for Wednesday the 2nd inst.

Recruits on the Cricket Ground at 5.15 p.m. under Drill Instructor Sgt. Orbery. Dress: drill order. Signalling Sec. at Vol. Headquarters at 5.15 p.m. Dress: drill order.

Parade for Thursday the 2nd inst. Recruits on the Cricket Ground at 5.15 p.m. under Drill Instructor Sgt. Orbery. Dress: drill order. Parade for Friday, the 3rd inst.

"A" and "B" Companies. Knowlton Dock and Taikeo Sections on the Polo Ground at 5.30 p.m. Remainder on the road side outside the Law Courts at 5.15 p.m. Dress: drill order.

Musketry.

All members of "D" Co. who have not fired Parts I & II Musketry Course for recruits will attend at King's Park Range on Wednesday, the 22nd inst. at 2.15 p.m. The following members will also attend:—Pte. A. E. Crispall, D. Clark, J. W. White, D. W. Trueman, A. E. Wood, H. E. Earle, W. J. Hodge, H. J. Slat, W. H. Smith, J. Hunter, R. Tanner, S. W. Bacon, and W. H. Hewitt. Dress: drill order.

Field Firing.

Field firing will be carried out by members of "A" Co. on Sunday the 26th inst. Hongkong residents will parade on the Cricket ground at 8.45 a.m. & Knowlton residents at the Wharf, Old Knowlton City, at 9.30 a.m. Dress: drill order. Troops to be worn. Food to be carried in haversacks and water-bottles to be filled. Great coats optional. All members, including exempted members but excluding recruits who have not fired Parts I & II Musketry Course for recruits, must attend. Five Signallers as detailed by Sergeant Mitchelmore will also attend.

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